

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Frank G. Belmonte et al.	)	PATENT APPLICATION
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APPLICATION NO.:	10/713,660	)	Group Art Unit: 1625
CONFIRMATION NO.:	9847	)	
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		)	Taylor V. Oh
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The Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in order to place the above-referenced case in a condition for allowance.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

ANY ADDITIONAL FEES REQUIRED  
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